

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-1100-T - ORDER NO. 2000-0062
JANUARY 13, 2000

IN RE:	Application of Nellie O'Brien, Inc. DBA Two)	ORDER APPROVING
	Men and a Truck of Greenville, 32 Hampton)	AMENDMENT TO BILL
	Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 (Mailing)	OF LADING <i>VOU</i>
	Address: P. O. Box 5584, Greenville, SC)	
	29606), for a Class E Certificate of Public)	
	Convenience and Necessity.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a proposed amendment to a bill of lading employed by Nellie O'Brien, Inc. DBA Two Men and a Truck of Greenville (Two Men and a Truck or the company).

In the section of the Bill of Lading addressing declaration of value, the company proposes to replace the last sentence therein with the following: "The Carrier's liability for loss and damage shall be \$25,000, unless a greater amount is specified by the shipper. The shipper shall have the option to purchase additional coverage against loss and damage, at an added cost of \$.11 per \$100, up to a total of \$60,000." This modification would replace language drawn from the Uniform Household Goods Bill of Lading and Freight Bill: "The Carrier's liability for loss and damage will be \$.60 per lb. per article unless a greater amount is specified by the shipper."

According to Two Men and a Truck, the proposed language provides a simpler and more effective way for the company to insure the goods it carries. Further, the

company notes that, in addition, in all but the rarest cases, this method actually provides more protection against loss and damage than the current scheme. For example, \$25,000 in coverage is equivalent to “\$.60 per lb. per article” coverage on over 41,000 pounds of household goods. For those customers who choose to purchase additional insurance, \$60,000 of coverage provides equivalent “\$.60 per lb. per article” coverage on 100,000 pounds of goods.

We agree with the proposed modification, since we do think it provides even more protection to the public than the standard language does. Further, this would allow the carrier to avoid weighing the shipment, but still provide protection to the public. However, we believe that the following language should also be added to the bill of lading: “In no case would the carrier’s liability for loss and damage be less than \$.60 per pound per article.” We believe that this will ensure that in no case will protection fall below the former standard of \$.60 per pound per article.

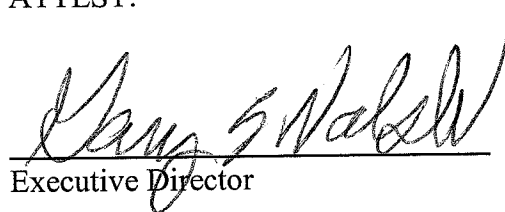
We therefore approve the amendment to the bill of lading, but order that the additional language as stated above be added. We would also emphasize that all activities of the carrier are subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission, unless otherwise waived.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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